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1. No aircraft were parked at the STENDAL-BORSTEL (M 53/Y 75) airfield. The hangars were closed. The radio station previously located at the southern edge of the field had been dismantled. The airfield was guarded by air force soldiers. According to local residents, the fighter unit previously stationed at the field had been transferred.

6 September 1949

2. Sixteen single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, rounded-off wing tips and retractable landing gear were parked in front of the hangars. Since aircraft of the same type were previously stationed at the field it could not be ascertained whether or not these had newly arrived. There was stunt flying.

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3. One twin-engine plane was parked at the field between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in which four air force officers had arrived, apparently for an inspection.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

It is assumed that the fighter unit previously stationed in STENDAL was transferred to CRANIBURG, since shipments from STENDAL to CRANIBURG were dispatched by [REDACTED] between 6 and 10 September 1949. + It has not been learned whether the aircraft observed at the field on 6 September 1949 had newly arrived. The reported motor vehicle numbers have been previously observed in STENDAL.

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1. The German Administration of the Interior has two inspectorates-general of the Soviet Zone police: i.e. the Inspectorate-General of "Allgemeine Polizei" (Regular Police) and the Inspectorate-General of "Kasernierte und Grenzpolizei" (Kaserned and Border Police).
2. Inspectorate-General of Regular Police
 - a. "Generalinspekteur" (major general) MIELKE is Chief of the Inspectorate-General of Regular Police.
 - b. The Police Chiefs of the five Soviet Zone states are subordinate to the Inspectorate-General of Regular Police.
 - c. The Police Chiefs at state level control the "Polizei-präsident" (police headquarters in cities with a population exceeding 100,000) and the "Kreispolizeiamter" (county police headquarters).
3. Inspectorate-General of Kaserned and Border Police
 - a. "Generalinspekteur" (major general) REISSER, alias GOMBE, who commanded an international brigade during the Spanish Civil War, is Chief of the Inspectorate-General of Kaserned and Border Police.
 - b. The Inspectorate-General of Kaserned and Border police is organized into the Inspectorate of Border Police and Inspectorate of Kaserned Police. The two inspectorates are jointly headed by "Chefinspekteur" (brigadier general) Hermann KENTSCH, whose deputy is "Inspekteur" (colonel) DOLLWETZEL. "Kommandeur" (lieutenant colonel) PRETZSCH is chief of the Department "PK" (political and cultural department) of the Inspectorate General of Kaserned and Border Police.
 - c. The Inspectorate-General of Kaserned Police and Border Police controls the units "B" (i.e. kaserned police

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departments) of the five Soviet zone states. Each state has an average of 10 Kaserned Police units of 250 to 300 police each.

d. A Kaserned Police unit is organized as follows:

Commanding officer: "Polizeioberrat" (major)

Headquarters: "Polizeiirrat" (captain), first deputy CO in charge of political and cultural issues
 "Polizeiirrat" (captain), chief of staff in charge of training
 "Polizeiirrat" (captain), second deputy CO
 "Oberkommissar" (first lieutenant), adjutant
 "Oberkommissar" (first lieutenant), in charge of administrative issues.

Three platoons: "Oberkommissare" (first lieutenants), platoon leaders

Special personnel: "Polizeimeister" (master sergeant), in charge of ordnance issues
 "Polizeimeister" (master sergeant), in charge of ration supply issues
 "Polizeimeister" (master sergeant), in charge of interior duty.

250 to 300 police.

Armament: 180 carbines, type "98k"
 50 submachine guns, type "44"
 4 heavy machine guns, type "08" on sleigh mounts
 12 pistols (usually 8, type "Walter PP-7.65mm", and 6, type "08, 9mm")

e. Kaserned Police units are now being equipped with two 80-mm mortars each.

f. The following four police schools are controlled by the Inspectorate of Kaserned Police:

(1) Infantry school in EGGESIN (N 54/Q 28)

Commandant: "Polizeiinspekteur" (colonel) CHARISIUS

Personnel: 18 Officers and 500 police

Armament: Carbines "98 k", submachine guns "44", pistols "7.65" and "0.8", heavy machine guns "08" and 80-mm mortars.

(2) Engineer school in DOEBELN (N 52/A 79)

Commandant: "Polizeiinspekteur" (colonel) BERTHOLD

Personnel: 18 officers and 500 police

Armament: Infantry weapons (as the EGGESIN school) pontoons and explosives.

(3) Signal-communications school in PLANA (N 51/F 39).

Commandant: "Polizeiinspekteur" (colonel) VORNBLRGER

Personnel: 18 officers and 500 police.

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Armament: Infantry weapons (as the EGGENIN school), German radio and telephone equipment of unknown types.

(4) Political and cultural school in TORGAU (N 62/E 64)

Commandant: "Polizeiinspekteur" (colonel) GHEZKE, who served with an international brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

Personnel: 18 officers and 400 police.

4. Criminal Police

The Criminal Police includes the Department "K 5" (Political Police Department), which is run by "Chefinspekteur" (brigadier general) MEYER, whose office is located at 5 Kriewestrass, BERLIN-WILHELMSTRASSE.

5. Weapons and equipment:

a. The SMIL (N 61/J 08) armament factory was allegedly ordered to test a Soviet 76.2-mm "gun-howitzer" as to its utilization for police purposes and to determine if the factory is capable of duplicating spare parts.

b. The Soviet Zone police is said to now be equipped with thirty-six thousand carbines "98 k". The number is to be increased to fifty thousand by the end of 1949.

6. It is said that the underground installations of the old KORNISSTEIN (N 51/E 47) fortress have been improved for police purposes since the spring of 1949. The work is performed under observation of strict security measures.

7. Ranks of the Soviet Zone police:

"Generalinspekteur" (major general):	Golden, interlaced epaulets with one star
"Chefinspekteur" (brigadier general):	Golden, interlaced epaulets
"Inspekteur" (colonel):	Silver, interlaced epaulets with two stars
"Commandeur" (lieutenant colonel):	Silver, interlaced epaulets with one star
"Oberrat" (major):	Silver, interlaced epaulets
"Polizeiirat" (captain):	Silver, plain epaulets with two stars
"Oberkommissar" (first lieutenant):	Silver plain epaulets with one star
"Polizeikommissar" (second lieutenant):	Silver, plain epaulets
"Polizeimeister" (mastersergeant)	
"Hauptwachmeister" (sergeant)	Woolen epaulets with stars, according to grade.
"Oberwachmeister" (corporal)	
"Wachmeister" (private)	
"Polizeischüler" (recruits):	Angular short braids on the collar.

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